

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claims 1, 4-7, 9-10, 11, 15-17, and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-10, 11, 15-17, and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lindholm (GB 2355126) in view of Wycherley et al (US 2002/0037738).

Response:

Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to overcome these claim rejections. Claim 1 has been amended to remove limitations previously added in the amendment dated June 16, 2006, and to add limitations contained in claim 3. Claim 3 had been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, the currently amended claim 1 should now be in allowable form.

Similarly, claim 11 has been amended to add limitations contained in claim 14. Claim 14 had been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. As a result, the currently amended claim 11 should now also be in allowable form.

Claims 4-7, 9-10, 15-17, and 19-20 are dependent on claims 1 and 11, and should be allowed if their respective base claims are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1, 4-7, 9-10, 11, 15-17, and 19-20 is respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of claims 2 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lindholm in view of Wycherley, and further in view of Nordwall (US 6,097,943).

Response:

Claims 2 and 13 are dependent on claims 1 and 11, and should be allowed if

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claims 1 and 11 are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 2 and 13 is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of claims 8 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

5 Claims 8 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lindholm in view of Wycherley, and further in view of Nielsen (US 2005/0090280).

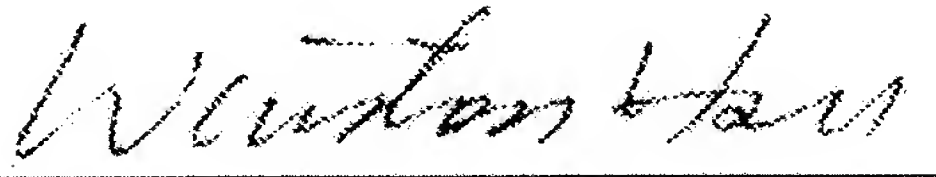
Response:

10 Claims 8 and 18 are dependent on claims 1 and 11, and should be allowed if claims 1 and 11 are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 8 and 18 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above claim amendments, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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